

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2016

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## The Approach to God

Prelude

Hand Bell Ensemble

Congregational Concerns

Votum      (*Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth.*)

Choral Introit

*"While We Are Waiting, Come"*

Chancel Choir

Invitation to Worship

\*Hymn of Praise #148

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

Choir & Congregation

Prayer of Confession

Lord of our hope...  
**you have sent to us prophets,  
and we are not ready.  
You have sent to us a sign  
and we do not see your coming.  
While we are distracted,  
will we know your Son when you send your Emmanuel?  
Save us Lord from the sins we know in our heart.  
Save us Lord from the sins we hide.  
(pause for reflection and self-examination)  
P: God of salvation...  
C: let us see you with us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #147

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Choir & Congregation

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

**Ministry of Music**

*“Joy Comes in the Morning”*

Choir

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Word of God**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25**

**Sermon**

**“Mundane Christmas”**

**Our Response to God**

**\*Confession of Faith**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

(Page 12 Hymnal)

***We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.***

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn #151**

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Choir & Congregation

**\*Benediction**

*“While We Are Waiting, Come”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

**WELCOME**

Libby Boehne is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from Wheaton College (IL), she attended Duke Divinity School, obtaining a Master of Divinity degree in 2014. For the past two years, she worked as the first Pastoral Resident at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, acting as a full-time pastor while rotating through all of the departments of the church. Upon completion of the residency, Libby began working for a community development organization in downtown Greensboro.

